



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
March 31, 2019 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent



We Join Jesus in the Wilderness

PRELUDE "Jesus, Name All Names Above" David N. Johnson

CHORAL INTROIT & POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.



PEOPLE: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

LEADER: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity.

PEOPLE: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

LEADER: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.

PEOPLE: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

LEADER: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

PEOPLE: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

LEADER: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: Let us worship God.

+ **HYMN #83** "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" DEO GRACIAS
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

THE LENTEN CANDLES

THE LENTEN WALK

You are invited to come down the right side aisle and take a piece of unleavened bread to eat, then pass by the communion table to receive your Lenten discipline.

CONFESSION OF SIN (in silence, then responsively)

...this we confess. / **Lord, have mercy.**

...this we confess. / **Christ, have mercy.**

...this we confess. / **Lord, have mercy.**

RESPONSE #2275 "Kyrie" (*Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy*)

THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

+ **A DOXOLOGY #578** "Glory Be to the Father"

+ **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

(You are invited to say the concluding "amen" aloud.)



LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Joshua 5:9-12 – *The Israelites enjoy the first taste of the Promised Land.*
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

II Cor 5:16-21 – *We are a new creation in Christ.*
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Come and Taste" Alice Parker

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 – *The prodigal son and his brother.*
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Good Life"

We Respond in Faith

+ **HYMN #493** "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" LIEBSTER JESU

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

+++ **Bradley Johnson** +++
Son of Melissa and Keith Johnson



PRESENTATION

THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

QUESTIONS OF THE FAMILY

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

NAMING OF THE CHILD OF THE COVENANT & THE BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

PRESENTATION

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – RISE AGAINST HUNGER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, p. 16 "debts/debtors")

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "My Song Is Love Unknown" Charles Callahan

+A DOXOLOGY #592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100TH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve

+HYMN #2169 "God, How Can We Forgive" LEONI

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

March 31, 2019 ~ The Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ 10:30 a.m.



The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ, engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.

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RISE AGAINST HUNGER: You pray for the hungry and then you feed them.

This is how prayer works. (Pope Francis)

Today is the fifth Sunday of our special collection created for financial support of the Rise Against Hunger. While we fervently pray for the poor, hungry and marginalized, we also are committed to doing more. Stone Church has pledged \$2000 in support of this community-wide project aimed at alleviating starvation in some of the most desperately poor places in our world. Our financial contributions during this special collection are what make this Rise Against Hunger project possible. Please be as generous as you can. Cash or checks can be given during this offering. Checks should be made out to Stone Church and include a memo that indicates their designation for the Rise Against Hunger project. Thank you.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: PLEASE read the information regarding, **One Great Hour of Sharing** enclosed in your bulletin. **One Great Hour** is one of four annual special offerings of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Its stated purpose is for participating congregations to “join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed.” It serves as a catalyst for us to prayerfully consider how we are responding to our personal commitments to Christ.

Our **One Great Hour** offering will be collected on both Palm Sunday, April 14 and Easter Sunday, April 21. Please plan to participate in this opportunity to offer relief to those in dire need. Cash or checks can be given during this offering. Checks should be made out to Stone Church and include a memo that indicates their designation for One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! On Sunday, April 14th @ 2:30 there will be a performance of **The Story of Joseph & His Brothers** told by the **Stone Storytellers** with **Master Storyteller Dennis Dewey & Tim Coombs** at Stone Presbyterian Church. Also, on Saturday, April 27th - 9am – 12pm, it is **Community Collection Day**.

HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST: This month’s wish list includes the following: **Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Napkins, Toilet Paper, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Butter/ Margarine Sugar, Breakfast Cereal.** Any donation that you designate for food or personal needs will greatly be appreciated.

THE COUNTRY PANTRY is in need of **pineapple** and **applesauce**. Also, please note that loose change collected in worship on the third Sunday of each month is given the Country Pantry.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it” (1 Cor. 12:12, 26)

In that spirit write down a joy or a concern that you have to share as part of our community of faith during our time of Joys & Concerns.

Joy: _____

Concern: _____



FAIR TRADE SHOPPE:



Indian artisans who hand paint these festive floral paper mache eggs are preserving India’s diverse craft traditions. Your purchase creates income and social reform for hundreds to provide health clinics, education for children, increased sanitation, improved living conditions, interest-free loans, business and computer technology and advances to purchase raw materials.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY: Please sign up to bake or work during the Community Collection Day on Saturday, April 27. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER FUNDRAISER: As you know, the “RISE AGAINST HUNGER” program is a community wide event. Last year over \$40,000 meals were packaged in one morning!!! The goal is to greatly exceed this number in 2019!!! Our Church has been asked to raise \$2,000 to help cover the cost of buying the food to be packaged.

Linda Fedigan Hale has generously donated one of her beautiful painting for us to raffle to help us reach our goal. Her painting is called “WILD FLOWERS IN A BUD VASE” and is displayed at our Church. We will be selling \$5.00 raffle tickets. Once you see her painting I am sure you will want to purchase more than one!! Two of Linda’s painting are already in our Norton Room.....one which we purchased in honor of all the work that Midge does for the Church and the other one was donated by Phil Conley. Phil won the raffle last year were the proceeds went to purchase new flooring in the dining room.

We are very thankful to Linda for sharing her gift with us. She has an art studio in Frankfort called the LFH Gallery.

With every ticket you buy, remember you are helping people across the world that don’t have enough nutrition to lead an active, healthy life!!! Thanks for helping!!



THE CALENDAR



Thursday –4/4/19:	10:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Thursday – 4/4/19:	6:00 p.m.	CAM Lenten Service (Norton Rm)
Sunday – 4/7/19:	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday – 4/7/19:	10:30 a.m.	Worship

Want to see what else is on the calendar? Go to our Web page – stonepres.org & click on the “CALENDAR ICON”



GREETERS: Hal & Linda Rance

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to add someone to our prayer list or would like to receive the prayer list for daily prayer, please go to our website www.stonepres.org and click on “Prayer Request” or call the church office at 315-853-2933.

Prayer Request:

The family of Fred Kaiser
The Family of Doris Locke
David Harris
Mike Yutzler
Donna Robinson
Debra LaFont
Lora Schilder & Family
For all children & grandchildren to attend church and know God

Members/Friends of the Week:

Mary Chamberlain
United Methodist Church of Clinton
Ada Vaughn